

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Amended claims: 1-7, canceled claim 2, added new claims 8-18.

1. (Currently Amended) A process ~~Process~~ to transport a methanol or hydrocarbon product from one location to another location by means of a ship wherein the methanol or hydrocarbon product is obtained by,
 - (a) separating air into oxygen and nitrogen[.];
 - (b) ~~use of~~ using said oxygen to prepare a mixture of carbon monoxide and hydrogen from a carbonaceous source[.];
 - (c) ~~use of~~ using said mixture of carbon monoxide and hydrogen to prepare methanol or a liquid or solid hydrocarbon product, ~~and~~ wherein said process comprises the ship is obtained by, (d) loading said methanol or liquid or solid hydrocarbon product in a the ship together with the nitrogen as obtained in step (a).
2. (Cancelled)
3. (Currently Amended) A process according to claim 1 [[or 2]], in which ~~the a~~ stream enriched in oxygen contains at least 85 mol% oxygen based on the total stream, ~~preferably 95 mol%, more preferably 98 mol%.~~
4. (Currently Amended) A process according to ~~any of~~ claim 1 [[-3]], in which ~~the an~~ oxygen depleted stream contains at least 95 mol% nitrogen based on the total stream, ~~preferably 98 mol%, more preferably 99 mol%.~~
5. (Currently Amended) A process according to ~~any one of~~ claims 1 [[-4]], wherein the product is methanol.
6. (Currently Amended) A process according to ~~any of~~ claims 1 [[-4]], wherein the hydrocarbon product is a paraffinic product as obtained in a Fischer-Tropsch process.

7. (Currently Amended) A process according to ~~any one of~~ claims 1~~[[6]]~~, wherein ~~step (d)~~ the loading is performed such that first nitrogen from step (a) is used to purge ~~the~~ product containers on board the ship, secondly filling the product containers with the hydrocarbon product obtained in step (c) and subsequently adding an additional amount of nitrogen from step (a) to the product containers on board the ship.
8. (New) A process according to claim 3, in which the stream enriched in oxygen contains at least 98 mol% oxygen.
9. (New) A process according to claim 4, in which the oxygen depleted stream contains at least 99 mol% nitrogen.
10. (New) A process to transport a methanol or hydrocarbon product from one location to another by means of a ship wherein the methanol or hydrocarbon product is obtained by.
- (a) separating air into an oxygen enriched stream containing at least 85 mol% oxygen and an oxygen depleted stream containing at least 95 mol% nitrogen;
 - (b) using said oxygen enriched stream to prepare a mixture of carbon monoxide and hydrogen from a carbonaceous source;
 - (c) using said mixture of carbon monoxide and hydrogen to prepare a methanol or hydrocarbon product;
- wherein said process comprises loading said methanol or hydrocarbon product onto a ship together with the nitrogen as obtained in step (a).
11. (New) A process according to claim 10, in which the oxygen enriched stream contains at least 98 mol% oxygen.
12. (New) A process according to claim 10, in which the oxygen depleted stream contains at least 99 mol% nitrogen.
13. (New) A process according to claim 10, wherein the product is methanol.

14. (New) A process according to claim 10, wherein the product is a liquid hydrocarbon.
15. (New) A process according to claim 10, wherein the product is a solid hydrocarbon.
16. (New) A process according to claim 10, wherein the hydrocarbon product is a paraffinic product obtained in a Fischer-Tropsch process.
17. (New) A process according to claim 10, wherein said loading comprises:
purging a product container on the ship with nitrogen from step (a); and
filling the container with the methanol or hydrocarbon product.
18. (New) A process according to claim 17, further comprising adding an additional amount of nitrogen from step (a) to the container after filling with methanol or hydrocarbon product.